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1. EVENT TO WHICH DIESEL INVITED IS ANNUAL CEREMONIAL INDUCTION OF INVENTORS TO INVENTORS HALL OF FAME. HALL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PATENT LAW ASSOCIATIONS (NEARLY 40 ORGANIZATIONS) AND U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. HALL IS TEMPORARILY LOCATED IN PATENT OFFICE IN WASHINGTON UNTIL PERMANENT HOME CAN BE CONSTRUCTED. FOR THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR, INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT INDEPENDENCE HALL IN PHILADELPHIA ON FEBRUARY 11.

2. SELECTION OF FAMED INVENTORS IS BASED ON PATENTS ISSUED IN THE U.S. TO AMERICANS OR FOREIGNERS FOR INVENTIONS HAVING SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON U.S. DEVELOPMENT. 12 INVENTORS NAMED THUS FAR, INCLUDING EDISON, BELL, MORSE, MARCONI. SIX TO BE INDUCTED THIS YEAR ARE DIESEL, UNCLASSIFIED

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GOODYEAR, MCCORMICK, TOWNES (MASER-LASER), FERMI, AND

CHARLES HALL (ALUMINIUM). POLICY IS TO ADD 2-6 EACH YEAR, OF WHICH ONE MUST BE STILL ALIVE.

3. AT CEREMONIES, CERTIFICATES OF INDUCTION ARE PRESENTED TO APPROPRIATE DESCENDANT, HENCE INVITATION TO AMBASSADOR DIESEL. HE IS ONLY DIGNITARY INVITED FROM ABROAD THIS YEAR, BUT ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S. INVITED IN CONNECTION WITH FERMI AWARD. SPACE LIMITATION AT INDEPENDENCE HALL RESTRICTS GUEST LIST TO 130 PEOPLE INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL LEADERS AND OTHER U.S. AND PHILADELPHIA DIGNITARIES. SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL PATENT MEDAL WILL BE PRESENTED TO GUESTS ON OCCASION.

4. CEREMONY INCLUDES MORNING PROGRAM OF A COSTUMED PLAY CONCERNING PATENTS AND ISSUANCE OF "THE BICENTENNIAL PATENT" TO A CONTEMPORARY INVENTOR. FOLLOWING AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON THE NEW INDUCTIONS TO HALL OF FAME WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A BRIEF CEREMONY AT 2:00 P.M. AFTER WHICH WILL BE SHOWN A NEW DOCUMENTARY FILM CONCERNING INVENTIONS, PRODUCED AS PART OF A BICENTENNIAL SERIES BY NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE. THE U.S. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PATENT LAW ASSOCIATIONS WILL CHAIR THE PROCEEDINGS.

5. CEREMONY IS CONSIDERED TO BE MOST SIGNIFICANT BICENTENNIAL EVENT IN FIELD OF INVENTIONS.

6. SHOULD AMBASSADOR DIESEL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND, SPONSORS WOULD APPRECIATE HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR OTHER DESCENDANT OF INVENTOR DIESEL TO BE INVITED TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF INDUCTION. SISCO

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